



Looking Ahead to the 2021 General Assembly Session

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Investment in Virginia's Veterans & Guard = Investment in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Budget Items

Operating Budget Changes

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

Provide nongeneral fund appropriation for Access Control Point at Camp Pendleton

Increases nongeneral fund appropriation to provide additional resources from
the National Guard Bureau for an existing capital project to construct a secure
access control point at Camp Pendleton at the State Military Reservation.

	2021	2022
Nongeneral Fund	\$600,000	\$0



Appropriation Act from Central Appropriations to the agency budget.

Operating Budget Items

Operating Budget Changes			
Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes			
Support behavioral health, outreach, and information technology initiatives			
Funds behavioral health positions, a women veterans outreach position, and an information technology upgrade project. This action partially restores funding that was unallotted in Chapter 1289, 2020 Acts of Assembly.	General Fund	<u>2021</u> \$0	\$727,000
Move reductions to agency budget Moves the reductions included in Item 482.20 of the 2020 Special Session	General Fund	2021 (\$4,151,179)	2022 (\$1,382,892)



Operating Budget Items

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

Item 463 - A. The Department of Veterans Services is authorized to transfer funds to the Department of Medical Assistance Services to fully fund the state share for the Medicaid supplemental payments made for state government owned nursing homes. The funds to be transferred must comply with 42 CFR 447.272.

Item 313 - RRRRR. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) is authorized to amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance Services to implement a supplemental Medicaid payment for Department of Veterans Services (DVS) state government-owned nursing facilities. The total supplemental Medicaid payment for DVS state government owned nursing homes shall be based on the difference between the Upper Payment Limit of 42 CFR 447.272, as approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and all other Medicaid payments subject to such limit made to such nursing homes. DMAS shall not submit any State Plan amendment to CMS that implements this payment until DMAS enters into an intergovernmental agreement with DVS. This agreement shall include the following provisions: 1) DVS shall transfer funds to DMAS for use as the state share of the full cost of the supplemental Medicaid payment for which each nursing home is entitled; 2) DVS must demonstrate that it has the authority and ability to transfer the necessary funds to DMAS; and, 3) DVS shall attest that any funds provided for state match will comply with federal law for use as the state share for the supplemental Medicaid payment. If DVS is unable to enter into or comply with the provisions of such an intergovernmental agreement, then DMAS shall immediately modify the Medicaid State Plan and adjust any supplemental payments accordingly. DMAS shall have the authority to implement the reimbursement changes consistent with the effective date in the State Plan amendment approved by CMS and prior to the completion of any regulatory process undertaken in order to effect such change.



Capital Budget Items

Capital Outlay Budget Changes

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

Provide appropriation to support renovation projects at veterans care centers

Provides funding for renovation projects at Sitter Barfoot Veterans Care Center
in Richmond and Virginia Veterans Care Center in Roanoke. These include the
purchase of an emergency generator, an updated security system, and a new
building management system.

	2021	2022
Nongeneral Fund	\$0	\$2,173,789
Bond Proceeds	\$0	\$1,621,000

Renovate veterans care centers to respond to pandemic needs

Provides funding to create isolation units and outbuildings for the storage of personal protective equipment at Sitter Barfoot Veterans Care Center in Richmond and Virginia Veterans Care Center in Roanoke.

	2021	2022
Bond Proceeds	\$129,000	\$0



Operating Budget Items

Operating Budget Changes			
Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes			
Provide funding to purchase protective equipment for operations involving civil	il disturbance		
Provides general fund support to purchase protective equipment to be used by		2021	2022
the Virginia National Guard in State Active Duty operations of civil unrest.	General Fund	\$O	\$50,000
Provide funding for safety and occupational health technician		2021	2022
Provides general fund support and one position to assist with the oversight of workplace safety, employee health, and inspection of facilities.	General Fund	\$0	\$50,000
	Authorized Positions	0.00	1.00
Provide funding for mobile command post		2021	2022
Provides general fund support to purchase a mobile command post to be used by the Virginia National Guard during State Active Duty operations.	General Fund	\$0	\$150,000



Operating Budget Items (Cont'd)

Move	reductions	to agency	budget

Moves the reductions included in Item 482.20 of the 2020 Special Session Appropriation Act from Central Appropriations to the agency budget. 2021

2022

General Fund

(\$250,000)

(\$250,000)



Capital Outlay Budget Items

Capital Outlay Budget Changes			
Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes			
Construct Army Airfield flight control tower at Fort Pickett		2021	2022
Provides \$4.5 million in nongeneral fund appropriation to replace the flight control tower at the Blackstone Army Airfield.	Nongeneral Fund	\$4,500,000	\$0
Provide funding for antiterrorism and force protection security enhancements			
Provides funding for security upgrades and enhancements at several Virginia		2021	2022
National Guard facilities.	Bond Proceeds	\$0	\$1,000,000
Replace and install fire safety systems in readiness centers		2021	2022
Provides funding to upgrade and replace fire safety systems at readiness centers.	Bond Proceeds	\$0	\$2,000,000



Legislative Items



Agency	<u>Program</u>	<u>Goal</u>
DMA	TAG Authority to Convey Property	Authorization for the Adjutant General to determine the disposition of property no longer needed by the Department of Military Affairs.
DVS	MMAC-Expand types of healthcare facilities eligible to participate	The proposed legislation would permit DVS to sign to enter into an MOA with more types of healthcare facilities.
DVS		The proposed legislation would build on that success to help even more veterans find pathways to employment.
DVS	Transition Services, defined.	The proposed legislation would define (in the Code of Virginia) the scope of services that the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (VDVS) provides to Transitioning Service Members, Veterans, and Spouses. These services are an integral part of the agency's initiatives to reduce unemployment among veterans.





Questions?

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